

REMARKS

The Examiner has indicated that pending claims 1-13 are directed to more than one species of the generic invention and that the claims representing the various species lack unity of invention under PCT Rule 13.1 because they are not linked to form a single general inventive concept. The Examiner has indicated that claims 1, 5 and 8 are generic while claims 2, 4, 6, 9-10 and 12 are directed to the species of Figs 3 and 12, claims 3 and 13 are directed to the species of Figs 5 and 6, claim 7 is directed to the species of Fig. 9, and claim 11 is directed to the species of Fig. 13.

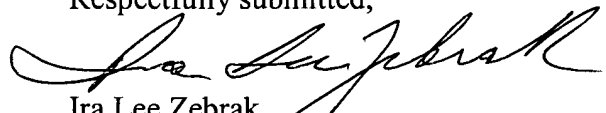
Applicants traverse the species restriction, but as required, have elected to prosecute claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-10 and 12. Claims 3, 7, 11 and 13 have been withdrawn with traverse.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Examiner's above-mentioned categorization of species with respect to specific claims is erroneous. Contrary to the Examiner's assertion that only claims 1, 3, 5, 8 and 13 are directed to Figs 5 and 6, *all* claims are directed to at least each of the embodiments of Figs 5 and 6. Claim 1 from which claims 2-4 depend, claim 5 from which claims 6-7 depend, claim 8 from which claims 9-12 depend, and claim 13 all claim that the second inlet (or the inlet of the second flow path) "is isolated from the first flow path." Support for claims 1-13 is found at least in Figs 5 and 6, and on page 7 lines 17-32 and page 8 lines 1-13. Accordingly, all of claims 1-13 are directed to a single general inventive concept and thus do not lack unity of invention. Notwithstanding Applicants' above-mentioned traverse and election, Applicants elect the species of Figs 5 and 6 on which all of claims 1-13 are readable.

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the unity of invention objection and species restriction and furthermore respectfully requests that examination proceed on all pending claims 1-13.

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